

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action , restriction between the invention of Claims 1-10 or 11-20 was required. Claims 21 and 22 were not explicitly treated; however, Claims 21 and 22 contain the recitation of Claim 1 and add the feature that the adapter plate is pivotally secured to the dispenser housing.

Accordingly, Claims 21 and 22 are considered part of Group I, Claims 1-10 and 21-22.

Group I, Claims 1-10 and 21-22 are hereby elected for prosecution, without traverse. Claims 11-20 have been canceled.

Applicant notes that the inventive adapter plate is unusually, indeed surprisingly, effective in reducing waste in a gravity feed dispenser by preventing "fallout" of towels.

In this respect, note the data in the application as filed, on pages 8-9, summarized below:

Configuration: Example Nos.	% occurrence dispensing more than one towel	% occurrence towels falling out	Numbers of towels on floor
Prior Art: Examples 1-445 and 1055-1599	0.9	7	163
Present Invention: Examples 446- 1055 and Examples 1600- 2160 combined	0	0.001	1

The adapter plate is nearly 100% effective in preventing towels from unintentionally falling out of the dispenser. This result is achieved by abridging the length of the dispensing aperture to 80-90 percent of the transverse length of the towels to be dispensed, as is claimed.

This response is believed timely. If for any reason an *Extension of Time* is required please consider this a *Petition* therefor and charge Deposit Account No. 50-0935.

If for any reason the Examiner would like to discuss this case, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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